

Recent Cases of Fallen Peace Officers where Suspects are Felons with Firearms



Richard May: On January 7, 2006, East Palo Alto Officer Richard May was brutally shot and killed. The suspect is a well-documented gang member who was on parole for felony drug and weapons charges.



Jerry Ortiz: In 2005, Los Angeles County Sheriff Jerry Ortiz was shot in the face and killed. A repeat felon with recurring firearms offenses, and a prior assault on an officer, was charged with the offense [*Note: Suspect had no prior “strikes”*].



William Bean: In 1999, Sacramento City Police Officer William Bean was shot and killed by an assailant with an extensive rap sheet, including illegal gun possession charges. The convicted cop killer had a pending warrant on the day of the murder.